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24 September 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

SUBJECT

: Request for Approval of Amendment to Project AECOB

- 1. In August 1952 CAMESO/2 was dispatched into the Latvian SSR where he has since been involved in sensitive FI type operations. During the two years that he has been on his mission in a denied area he has performed most satisfactorily considering that he had lost the major portion of his equipment and funds in a skirmish with the Soviet authorities. Latest S/W traffic from this agent indicates that he has departed from his operational area during the first part of this month and is about to exfiltrate into Norway.
- 2. To date this agent has established a network of three resident agents to whom he has given general long-range intelligence reporting requirements. He has also trained these agents in reporting by S/W and has furnished them with live letter drops in the West.
- 3. Although his own intelligence reporting to date has been rather insignificant—and this is due to the above—mentioned loss of equipment funds, and fellow agents—it is anticipated that his debriefing will produce a great deal of positive as well as operational intelligence, in addition to providing us with a first hand opportunity for an objective and thorough reevaluation of the REDSOK program.
- 4. Steps have been initiated to bring this agent to the U.S. for debriefing. All necessary action will be taken to resettle the agent either in the U.S. or elsewhere depending upon his preference.
- 5. In view of the extremely hazardous conditions under which CAMUSO/2 has operated, as well as his most satisfactory establishment of an independent, internal, legal intelligence reporting facility, it is proposed that he be given an initial bonus of \$1,000. Should the agent's debriefing produce the expected results, further consideration for an additional bonus will be given. An approriately justified request will be transmitted at that time. It is felt that the above bonus will not only reward the agent for services well performed but will also ensure that the agent will not become a security risk for lack of means to establish a reasonably normal life in the western world.

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6. In view of the above, your approval for the payment of an initial \$1,000. bonus is requested. Upon approval, Project ABCOB should be amended accordingly.

7. For any further information regarding this matter, please contact/ Room 2613 J Building, Extension 4122, or Room 2609 J Building, extension 3582.

Acting Chief, SR Division

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